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Thanks

.. To those parents who shared our school cross country with us and to Mrs Burgin for co-ordinating this event.
.. To those who supported last weekend's Trivia Night and to Mr D for his work up to, and on, the night.
.. the Faithfull family for donating T-shirts for our representative sports teams - these are awesome.
.. To Jess Carter and Michelle Dempsey (our Trainee Teachers on final practicum) for their contribution to the school over the course of the year.

People of the week

.. our cross country runners for spirited performances this week and for exemplary sportsmanship all round.
.. Jared who received "Player of the Day" for JB4 Old Boys Rugby Team.
.. Ayla da who received "Player of the Day" for Yr 2-3 Netball.

Good luck

To the following students who represent our school next week at the AIMS games in Tauranga. These kids will be up against top Year 7 and 8 students from around the country.

.. Brady .. Euan .. Emily .. James .. Liam .. Tyler .. Georgia
We wish you the very best for your events and look forward to hearing from you on your return.

TRUTHFULNESS VIRTUE

We hope parents have managed to find time to discuss this pre-eminent virtue with their children. In a couple of weeks we will announce our Truthfulness virtue award winners and kick off our final virtue for the term.

Coming up

29 August	Regional Science Fair starts
5 September	Book Week
6 September	Visiting Author
13 September	Kamo High School Enrolment Interviews (at Matarau School)
22 September	School Talent Show
23 September	Northland Cross Country
27 September	School Photos
7 October	Final day of term 3

Regional Science and Technology Fair 29.8 to 2.9

Good luck to those students representing our school at the Regional Fair. Parents are reminded that ..

.. they are responsible for transporting (or arranging transport for) their children to this event (Forum North Exhibition Centre).
.. children will attend the fair on Monday (for judging) and Tuesday (for mixing with the public and students from other schools).
.. exhibits must be set up in the hall no later than 11:00 AM on Monday.
.. exhibits must be removed from the hall no later than 12:00 on Friday.
.. children will know if they are receiving an award by Tuesday afternoon and, if receiving an award, are required to be seated in the Capitaine Bougainville theatre by 7:25 PM on Tuesday evening. Questions to Mr D.

Whangarei Interschool Cross Country – Barge Park – 9 Sept

Consents for this event were sent out on Tuesday to the top six runners in our school cross-country event (8 years old and up). Please ensure outstanding consent forms are returned to school on Monday so we can finalise our team.

Parents are reminded that they are responsible for transporting and supervising their own children on the day and that they are welcome to return to school after their races.

Mr D is also very keen to hear from a couple of people able to co-ordinate our team on the day – basically to gather them together before races – please contact him if you can help.

Questions in the run up to this event to Mr D please.

Book Week and Book Fair

Commencing Monday 5 September 2011 (one weeks time). Here's an opportunity to buy some books for Christmas, future birthdays or just for fun. A percentage of all the books purchased go to the School.

Wanting to know more about our Year 7 and 8 (intermediate) department?

There are a number of ways in which our Year 7 and 8 (intermediate) programme differs from programmes lower down the school. We think most parents would be surprised to know the extent to which this programme is "tailored" to the needs of 11 to 13 year olds, and how thoroughly it prepares them for their transition to secondary school. The learning pedagogies operating in this department have been refined over the years to provide the best possible preparation for secondary. If you would like to know more we suggest you might like to make an appointment to discuss this programme with Mr Delemare somewhere in the period 5 to 16 September, or to attend a meeting and power point display in Room 12 – 7:00 PM Tuesday 20 September.

Good programmes do not happen by accident. We encourage you to take this opportunity to dig a little deeper into what really makes a difference in the medium to longer term.

Measles Epidemic

Parents are encouraged by the MoH to vaccinate their children. If you have not advised the school of the vaccination status of your child please give our office a call (or even if you are not sure and would simply like to check). Further, the MoH advises as follows ..

People with measles must stay home

Any student with measles must stay away from school for seven days from the appearance of the rash and until recovery, depending on the advice of the medical officer of health. Unimmunised students, or those with no immunity to measles, who have been in close contact with a measles case during the infectious stages should stay away from school for 14 days from their last contact. This requirement is under the Health (Infectious and Notifiable Diseases) Regulations 1966 (Regulation 14). These exclusions also apply to students taking part in sporting events.

High School Interviews

Please contact Matarau School Office if you would like an interview with KHS (13.9.11) or WGHS (17.8.11). Parents attending interviews are reminded to bring a completed enrolment form, a copy of your child's birth certificate, their most recent report, and evidence of residency. Any questions please to Mr D. (prospectuses for Excellere College are now available from school).

Lunchtime Tackle Rugby (years 5 to 8)

.. on most Wednesdays and Thursdays for the duration of the term. Please ensure children have a change of clothes and a mouthguard if they want to play.

International Schools English and Maths Exams

Please return any outstanding practice papers (and answer booklets) next week so that we can use these in future years. We suspect there are quite a few still to come back.

Term Headlice Inspection

Please check your children's hair weekly and respond quickly in the event of infestation.

Comrie Park Kindy Fundraiser

Next Tuesday 30 August, pieces of cake will be on sale during morning tea (\$2 per slice). Come along and support the new kindy.



Ballot for Out of Zone Students 2012

Places for out of zone students will be advertised in The Whangarei Report on 3 September with closing date for applications 27 September. We are reserving 30 places for students years 1 to 6 for next year and 20 places in Years 7 and 8 (our intermediate department). These numbers reflect our desire to hold our roll at its current level (around 250) without compromising our commitment to low class numbers - especially in the junior and intermediate departments. **These numbers mean that out of zoners have a "good" chance of getting in.** If you know of any families interested in our school please advise them of these dates, or perhaps even request an Out of Zone Enrolment Form for them from the school office. We are more than happy to answer any questions and to show people around the school.

Invitation from the Virtues Club

The Virtues Club is desperate for photos which highlight some of our students many talents. These will be added to a talent board which celebrates, affirms and encourages. So PLEASE .. how about sending something to school with your child next week.



WE NEED YOUR FAVOURITE RECIPES!

As most of you will be aware we are compiling a School Community Cookbook and we would *love to feature your favourite recipes*. Simply email them or drop them off to the office, we will sort them from there. We would love to have these by September 30th, however the sooner the better. Thanks to

those of you that have already sent in your Family Favourites.

Community Notices

For Sale - Family 4bed house, dbl garage, large outdoor decking and swimming pool, opposite bus stop for all schools. Ph Jackie 0212852350 or 4353438.

Wanted - House to Rent, Matarau/Ruatangata area. Prefer 3 bedroom, on bus route to school. Phone Tom 0211724090.

House Cleaner Available - References available. Contact Tracy Tohill 09 4370979 or 0212694845.

Free to a Good Home - 9 month old English Springer Spaniel x Black Labrador. Great temperament, very social, fully vaccinated and registered. Contact Helen on 4335823 or 4335512 ah.

Northland Sinfonia - presents a Mozart Concert including the Requiem with Whangarei choral Society and soloists, 28 August @ 3pm, Anglican Church. Tickets \$25 from Whangarei Suit Hire and door sales.

Whakapara Pony Club - If you have your own horse/pony or have an interest in horses then you are invited to come along to our Enrolment Rally to find out WHAT ??? Pony Club has to offer you., Sunday 28th August 2011, 10:00 - 12:00pm at our grounds Park Road, Hikurangi, (around behind the rugby fields). For further information contact Iris van Velsen Ph 4355653 Cell:0211561443 or - Angie Pringle Ph: 4338664 Cell: 0276973815

And Finally

We are entering a very important period in our administrative calendar. This is when we "gaze into our crystal ball" to try to estimate how many students we will have on deck next year. If our estimates are wrong, this can have quite a profound impact on things like staffing and class numbers.

So we rely very heavily on parents to provide us with the BEST information on which to forward plan.

.. if you know your child(ren) will NOT be at Matarau School next year please advise Helen in the school office within the next two weeks.

.. if you know of any children who WILL be attending Matarau School next year **of whom we may not be aware** please also phone Helen with this information.

Low class numbers and optimal staffing takes careful management, which is based in large part on the information you give us .. So, please get in touch if you have information likely to have a bearing on these decisions.

Regards

Kevin Trehwella
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